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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows, prior to the calculation of the fees.

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 5, 6, 9, 11-15, 17, 21-33, 35-39, 45, 47-51, and 54-57 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicants have included herewith pages showing the markups of the claims with insertions and deletions indicated by underlining and bracketing, respectively.

A1

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10.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a peptide selected from the group consisting of the peptide of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid does not encode full length MAGE-A12.

A2

✓
19.(amended) A method for diagnosing a disorder characterized by expression of MAGE-A12 comprising:

contacting a biological sample isolated from a subject with an agent that is specific for a MAGE-A12 HLA binding peptide as claimed in claim 1, and